

Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission
April Meeting

April 4, 2016

Present: Commission Members – Todd Underwood, Jeri Carroll, Tara Erney, Nathan Lewis, Joe Sebzda, Rachael Gonzalez, and Becky Weller.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jeri Carroll.

1. Todd Underwood moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeri Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Announcements: None.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Old Business: None.
5. New Business: Tara Erney asked to be reimbursed for purchases totaling \$104.54. Todd Underwood made a motion to approve the reimbursement; Becky Weller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A. KU Environmental Committee – Todd Underwood (chair)

Todd Underwood reported that Earth Day events on campus will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

B. Community Education – Becky Weller (chair)

The group reviewed plans for Block Party and approved flyers to be handed out.

Becky Weller updated the group on purchases made for Trail Day. The Trail Day flyer and poster were approved; Tara Erney will bring 20 copies of the poster to the May meeting for members to hang up around town.

The group agreed on Thursday, July 21, 2016, for a landfill tour. A rental vehicle will not be needed and the group will depart Kutztown at 10:30 AM.

C. Climate Protection & Energy Conservation – Tara Erney (chair)

No report.

D. Air & Water Quality – Jeri Carroll (chair)

EAC members discussed the proposed increased drainage from the quarry into the Sacony Creek. Available members will attend the Water/Wastewater Committee meeting on April 13, 2016, at 7:30 PM. In the meantime, Joe Sebzda and Jeri Carroll will meet with Dale Grim to discuss the impact of changes in the quarry's water usage.

E. Recycling Program – Nathan Lewis (chair)

Jeri Carroll reported that Brian Bailey of Public Works will be hosting students from Kutztown Elementary on April 25, 2016 to educate them about recycling. Jeri Carroll will attend to talk about the work of the EAC and hand out flyers about Trail Day.

F. Parks & Trail – Todd Underwood (chair)

Todd Underwood reported on the monitoring of West Nile Virus to be conducted by the Berks County Conservation District.

The borough is in the process of hiring a student to maintain the trail and work in North Park this summer.

A cleanup along Constitution Boulevard is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016. The Outdoors Club from KU is working on organizing a cleanup for North Park.

Todd Underwood reported on recent communications with the Boy Scouts from Blandon. They would like to have a campout and workday at North Park in September. Also, a Girl Scout working towards her Gold Award is interested in a native plant project in North Park.

Other events and projects of interest to the group included a backyard native plant workshop scheduled for May 14, 2016, at KU, daffodil planting near the train station, and the creation of a pollinator garden at the Greenwich triangle by KCP's Healthy Community organization. Todd Underwood made a motion to sponsor the Girl Scout interested in the native plant project to attend the workshop. Tara Erney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Jeri Carroll with a second by Tara Erney, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Erney
April 6, 2016